

**REMARKS**

Claims 44, 48-53, 55 are pending in the application and all claims are allowed.

In the *Ex parte* Quayle Action the Examiner indicates that one of the references to the parent application should be deleted.

Applicants have deleted the second reference. The first paragraph added in the Amendment of August 6, 2004 includes the status of the parent application.

In view of the above, allowance of this application is sincerely requested, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

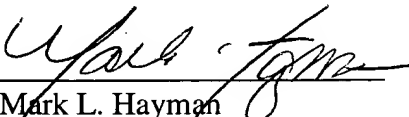
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